

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE: FACEBOOK, INC. CONSUMER
PRIVACY USER PROFILE LITIGATION

MDL No. 2843
Case No. 18-md-02843-VC (JSC)

**ORDER RE: FACEBOOK'S
EMERGENCY MOTION TO SEAL**

Re: Dkt. No. 530

The Court has reviewed Facebook's emergency motion to seal and Plaintiffs' response to the same. (Dkt. Nos. 530, 531.) The Court has locked the at-issue docket entry (Dkt. No. 526) so it is not publicly accessible. Upon review of the parties' filings, the Court is not satisfied that the parties have adequately met and conferred regarding Facebook's confidentiality designation for the at-issue document. While Plaintiffs dispute that the document is confidential given its public availability, the Protective Order in this action sets forth a procedure by which parties can challenge confidentiality designations. (Dkt. No. 122, Sec. 6.) A party cannot simply circumvent that procedure by using a version of a document that was publicly available if the same document was produced with the confidential designation in this action. Likewise, if a party disputes whether a document produced with a confidential designation falls within the scope of the Protective Order, the party cannot unilaterally decide that it does not fit within the scope without meeting and conferring regarding the same.

Accordingly, the parties are ordered to meet and confer via video regarding the parties' dispute over the confidentiality of this document. The parties shall advise the Court as to the status of their meet and confer efforts in the next status update due October 29, 2020 and the Court will discuss the matter at the October 30, 2020 status conference if necessary. The docket entry

will remain locked in the interim.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 7, 2020


JACQUELINE SCOTT CORLEY
United States Magistrate Judge

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